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FOR MCCALL FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FOR AMBASSADOR: FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM
TEL AVIV: "REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT YITZHAK MODAT'S
DAUGHTER HARELA WAS KILLED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT
EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING (SUNDAY) ON THE HAIFA/TEL AVIV
HIGHWAY. FUNERAL WAS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. UNDERSTAND
YOU WERE A CLOSE FRIEND OF MODAT'S AND THUS AM DOUBLY
SORRY TO BE THE BEARER OF SUCH SAD TIDINGS."

2. SCHEDULE FOR BRIEFINGS IN GERMANY NOW HAS AMBASSADOR
DEPARTING STUTTGART AT 1330 AND ARRIVING MOSCOW 1800 ON
JUNE 22. AS THIS IS EVENING OF PROTOCOL PERFORMANCE
(AT 1930) OF NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY RAGTIME BAND WHICH
AMB HAD INDICATED HE WOULD ATTEND SHOULD WE TRY TO MAKE
ADJUSTMENT FOR EARLIER ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW?

3. RE STATE 139355, PARA 6: MRS. MCCLELLAN IS NOT
CURRENTLY UNDER HOUSE ARREST. SHE TALKED TO BOB PRINGLE
ON JUNE 5 AND TOLD HIM THAT SHE HAD BEEN UNDER HOUSE
ARREST FOR ONLY BRIEF PERIOD OF JEWISH REFUSENIK
SLEPAK DEMONSTRATION OF JUNE 1. MRS. MCCLELLAN HAS
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RECEIVED CONTRADICTIONARY SIGNALS FROM THE OVIR. SHE IS
CONVINCED THAT THEIR EFFORT IS TO CONFUSE HER HOPELESSLY,
AND FORCE HER TO GIVE UP CAMPAIGN TO EMIGRATE.

4. WE ARE BEING PRESSED ON THE COCKTAIL CIRCUIT BY THE
SOVIET MILITARY ABOUT A RESPONSE TO THEIR PROPOSAL FOR A
SENIOR MILITARY OFFICER EXCHANGE. WE ASSUME THE LACK OF

A RESPONSE TO OUR LAST CABLE (MOSCOW 10743) IS DUE TO A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION WITHIN THE BUREAUCRACY OR A DELIBERATE DECISION NOT TO RESPOND TO THE SOVIETS NOW GIVEN THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS. CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT THIS IS CORRECT AND THAT IT HAS NOT IN FACT SLIPPED BETWEEN THE CRACKS?

5. WITH REFERENCE TO BRUSSELS 10900 CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION OF LINER CARGO FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW U.S. EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, WE SUGGEST JIM TREICHEL BE ASKED TO CONSULT WITH EB AND MARAD ABOUT INTERPRETATION OF US/USSR MARITIME AGREEMENT. QUESTION IS WHETHER WE CAN PUT ALL OF THIS SORT OF CARGO, WHICH MAY BE SUBSTANTIAL, ON US BOTTOMS OR WHETHER WE ARE OBLIGED TO OFFER AT LEAST ONE-THIRD TO SOVIETS. IN OTHER WORDS, WOULD IT SUFFICE IF ALL LINER CARGO WERE BALANCED, GLOBALLY, OR MUST WE BALANCE EACH PHASE OF IT TO SATISFY THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT. IF THIS TRAFFIC FOR EMBASSY MOSCOW IS SUBSTANTIAL, A CONSIDERABLE STAKE COULD BE INVOLVED. WE WOULD ALSO WANT TO BE SURE THAT OFFERING SOME OF IT TO SOVIETS, IF THIS IS REQUIRED BY THE MARITIME AGREEMENT, DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH SOME OTHER US STATUTE. FBO SHOULD, OF COURSE, BE INFORMED ABOUT OBLIGATIONS UNDER US LAW AND RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS.

6. STATE 140634 ARRIVED AFTER MORRIS AND PARDEE HAD FIRST
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MEETING AT SCST JUNE 5. QUESTION OF HIGH LEVEL VISITS WAS INITIALLY RAISED IN LOW KEY FASHION WITH AYKAZYAN RESPONSE BEING "SOVIETS WILL ENSURE THAT LEVEL OF RECEPTION IS EQUIVALENT ON BOTH SIDES." MATTER NOT SUBSEQUENTLY RAISED. A&T JCM PREPARATIONS WENT VERY WELL WITH AGENDA, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES, AND PROPOSED RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS ACCEPTED WITH ONLY SLIGHT REVISION. SOVIETS PROMISE RANK ORDER LISTING OF NEW PROJECTS BY END OF THIS WEEK. SOVIETS HAVE AGREED TO A U.S. REPORT ON THE ENERGY BILATERAL AT THE JCM; SOVIETS WILL MAKE PRESENTATION ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

7. DURING HIS RECENT VISIT HERE, RAMUNDO, DOT, TOLD US THAT THE U.S. AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL DELEGATION SCHEDULED TO VISIT JUNE 19 - 28 PLANS TO TERMINATE VISIT AND ATC COOPERATION ON THE SPOT IF SOVIETS AGAIN FAIL TO HONOR COMMITMENTS TO PROVIDE USDEL ACCESS TO AN OPERATIONAL ATC ENROUTE CENTER AND AIRPORT TOWER FACILITY. SOVIET PROGRAM FOR VISI STATES "FAMILIARIZATION WITH AIR CONTROL EQUIPMENT AT KIEV AIRPORT," WHICH WE BELIEVE IS FAR TOO VAGUE A COMMITMENT IN LIGHT OF PAST HISTORY (SEE MOSCOW 10637). WE ADVISED RAMUNDO THAT THE DELEGATION SPELL

OUT AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE THAT THEY INTEND TO SEE THE
SPECIFIC SOVIET FACILITIES, AND IF NOT, WHAT THE
CONSEQUENCES WOULD BE. RAMUNDO TOLD US HE SHARED OUR
VIEW AND UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON WOULD HAVE FAA

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SPELL OUT THIS MESSAGE MOST CLEARLY. HOWEVER, THE
LATEST DOT/FAA MESSAGE (STATE 138265) IS QUIET ON THIS
POINT. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE DESK TO
TOUCH BASE WITH RAMUNDO AND URGE HIM TO ENSURE THAT FAA
MAKES ITS POINTS KNOWN IN WRITING BEFORE ARRIVAL OF THE
DELEGATION. AN ABRUPT CANCELLATION OF A COOPERATIVE
PROGRAM, WHEN RECORD IS NOT PERFECTLY CLEAR TO BOTH SIDES,
WILL BE TO NO ONE'S BENEFIT. MATLOCK

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